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The Honorable William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Director Casey:

Thank you for your letter of December 21, 1983,  
regarding my efforts in the debate concerning the  
Department of Defense Appropriations Bill.

for myself and for my family." Since that time, I have  
had the unique opportunity of serving Senators Barry  
Goldwater and John Chafee -- two men dedicated to  
strengthening and improving our Intelligence Community.  
It has also been my privilege to play a role in some  
legislative battles where issues important to the  
intelligence have been at stake.

My point in recounting this brief history is to make  
it clear that my interest in and dedication to rebuilding  
our intelligence capabilities grows out of a strong personal  
conviction that this activity is a vital component of our  
nation's defense. For this reason, it is a real treat  
to receive a note of appreciation such as yours. It is a  
pleasure to be associated with you in these important  
endeavors.

Once again, thank you for your kind remarks.

Sincerely,

  
Robert R. Simmons  
Staff Director

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